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Week ending March 20, 2011

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 20, 2011**. Moderate rainfall during the winter months has improved drought conditions in some areas while other areas are still very dry. Last week’s warm weather dried wet fields for the start of the planting season. Field preparation continues for corn planting. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 73 adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

| Crop progress for week ending March 20, 2011 | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Corn, planted | 5 | -- | 12 | 20 |
| Watermelons, planted | 8 | -- | 0 | 8 |
| Winter Wheat, jointing | 50 | -- | 7 | 16 |

| Crop condition for week ending March 20, 2011 | | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Blueberries | 0 | 0 | 15 | 82 | 3 |
| Livestock | 6 | 12 | 35 | 39 | 8 |
| Pasture | 4 | 15 | 26 | 50 | 5 |
| Winter Wheat | 1 | 7 | 21 | 53 | 18 |

Comments

“Field preparation still continues and planters are being greased up for the first round of corn planting. Wheat stages across the county have varied, but warm dry weather will speed up some of the later wheat.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Growers will start planting corn this week and preparing ground for planting other crops. The wheat crop looks very good as growers get ready to finish nitrogen applications. Most of our fields have had burndown applications.”

— Don Respons, Quitman

“Still a little too wet to get in the field. We should be able to get in on Monday. Corn planting will start next week if temps hold.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Corn planters have started to run across fields in earnest. I expect them to work through the weekend to get as much planted before the approaching rains next week.”

— Strider McCrory, Sunflower

“Warm temperatures have got the pasture grass and weeds really growing. The livestock are getting some pretty good pickin' from the newly emerged summer grasses. Many folks are spraying pastures now.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Although we are getting fairly good rainfall currently, we have an accumulated soil moisture deficit that has the potential to negatively impact our summer crops.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Recent rains have finished replenishing livestock ponds and small lakes from last fall’s drought and winter wheat is looking great after Nitrogen applications.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Very little planting in the county. Some fields still need to dry out.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“I talked to one of our Seed Distributor representative and he has informed me that farmers are just now starting to get their seeds. He told me it may be almost a month before we will have anything to report.”

— Regina Boykins, Humphreys

“We have several acres of "sick" wheat due to glyphosate drift. Corn planting is off to a good start.”

Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“There has been lots of rain over the past few weeks, at least 8" total for 2 weeks. Rivers flooding some, livestock pastures underwater, and heard one report of 2 cattle drowned.”

— Marcia McLeod, Greene

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending March 20, 2011

| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|---------------|-------|-----------|------------|
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | DFN | Rain Days | Four Weeks |
| Upper Delta | | | | | | | | | |
| Charleston | 79 | 29 | 53 | 54 | -1 | 0.41 | -0.99 | 1 | 4.00 |
| Clarksdale | 78 | 31 | 56 | 54 | 2 | 0.25 | -1.01 | 1 | 3.45 |
| Cleveland | 80 | 34 | 58 | 56 | 2 | 0.50 | -0.90 | 1 | 3.22 |
| Lambert 1W | 82 | 32 | 58 | | | 0.20 | -1.12 | 1 | 3.61 |
| Tunica 2N | 76 | 37 | 58 | 53 | 5 | 1.62 | 0.35 | 2 | 4.38 |
| Extreme/Average | 82 | 29 | 57 | 54 | 3 | 0.60 | -0.71 | 1 | 3.42 |
| North-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Batesville 2SW | 81 | 32 | 56 | 53 | 3 | 0.27 | -1.10 | 1 | 4.72 |
| Hickory Flat | 79 | 30 | 55 | 51 | 4 | 0.23 | -1.17 | 2 | 5.36 |
| Holly Springs | 81 | 29 | 57 | 51 | 6 | 0.18 | -1.22 | 2 | 5.36 |
| Independence | 78 | 30 | 56 | 52 | 4 | 0.29 | -0.90 | 2 | 4.75 |
| Oxford | 82 | 32 | 58 | 52 | 6 | 0.23 | -1.12 | 1 | 5.60 |
| Extreme/Average | 82 | 29 | 56 | 54 | 2 | 0.24 | -1.10 | 2 | 5.16 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | |
| Booneville | 79 | 34 | 57 | 52 | 5 | 0.17 | -1.30 | 2 | 5.93 |
| Corinth 7SW | 80 | 34 | 56 | 55 | 1 | 0.24 | -1.16 | 2 | 6.20 |
| Pontotoc Exp | 79 | 35 | 58 | 53 | 5 | 0.20 | -1.22 | 1 | 4.79 |
| Tupelo 2 | 80 | 39 | 57 | | | 0.28 | | 1 | 5.40 |
| Verona | 81 | 38 | 58 | 53 | 5 | 0.40 | -1.00 | 1 | 4.59 |
| Extreme/Average | 81 | 34 | 57 | 53 | 4 | 0.26 | -1.21 | 1 | 5.38 |
| Lower Delta | | | | | | | | | |
| Belzoni | 78 | 36 | 56 | 56 | 0 | 0.18 | -1.32 | 1 | 3.39 |
| Moorhead | 80 | 37 | 60 | 56 | 4 | 0.38 | -1.00 | 1 | 2.76 |
| Rolling Fork | 84 | 37 | 61 | 56 | 5 | 0.31 | -1.11 | 1 | 4.50 |
| Yazoo City | 84 | 39 | 63 | 57 | 6 | 0.53 | -1.06 | 1 | 6.47 |
| Extreme/Average | 84 | 36 | 60 | 57 | 3 | 0.35 | -1.06 | 1 | 4.28 |
| Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Canton 4N | 82 | 34 | 58 | 58 | | 0.78 | -0.62 | 1 | 4.50 |
| Forest 3S | 84 | 34 | 59 | 57 | 2 | 0.94 | -0.56 | 1 | 5.70 |
| Kosciusko | 84 | 35 | 62 | 55 | 7 | 0.71 | -0.83 | 1 | 7.42 |
| Winona 5E | 81 | 31 | 56 | 52 | 4 | 0.92 | -0.55 | 2 | 6.09 |
| Extreme/Average | 84 | 31 | 59 | 56 | 3 | 0.84 | -0.63 | 1 | 5.93 |
| East-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Aberdeen | 81 | 39 | 57 | 54 | 3 | 0.15 | -1.30 | 1 | 2.45 |
| Columbus | 83 | 44 | 62 | 55 | 7 | 0.00 | -1.19 | 0 | 4.85 |
| Philadelphia | 81 | 38 | 57 | 57 | 0 | 0.86 | -0.61 | 1 | 6.77 |
| State University | 86 | 39 | 61 | 55 | 6 | 1.03 | -0.37 | 1 | 6.54 |
| Extreme/Average | 86 | 38 | 59 | 56 | 3 | 0.51 | -0.94 | 1 | 5.25 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | |
| Crystal Springs | 82 | 38 | 61 | 58 | 3 | 0.66 | -0.70 | 1 | 6.29 |
| Natchez | 81 | 40 | 61 | 60 | 1 | 0.62 | -0.93 | 1 | 7.06 |
| Vicksburg | 81 | 41 | 62 | | | 0.17 | | 1 | 3.92 |
| Woodville 4ESE | 82 | 39 | 62 | 59 | 3 | 0.37 | -1.24 | 1 | 6.76 |
| Extreme/Average | 82 | 38 | 62 | 59 | 3 | 0.46 | -1.02 | 1 | 6.01 |
| South-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Collins | 81 | 39 | 60 | 58 | 2 | 0.60 | -0.94 | 1 | 8.45 |
| Columbia | 85 | 42 | 63 | 59 | 4 | 0.42 | -1.07 | 1 | 7.57 |
| Monticello | 85 | 39 | 63 | 58 | 5 | 0.55 | -0.99 | 1 | 7.74 |
| Raleigh 6N | 82 | 33 | 59 | | | 0.89 | | 1 | 8.46 |
| Extreme/Average | 85 | 33 | 61 | 59 | 2 | 0.62 | -0.88 | 1 | 8.06 |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | |
| Hattiesburg | 82 | 41 | 63 | 59 | 4 | 0.35 | -1.12 | 1 | 11.61 |
| Laurel | 82 | 23 | 57 | 58 | -1 | 0.53 | -0.89 | 1 | 7.17 |
| Newton Exp | 79 | 35 | 56 | 56 | 0 | 1.23 | -0.24 | 1 | 6.99 |
| Waynesboro 2W | 85 | 39 | 62 | 57 | 5 | 0.70 | -0.76 | 1 | 10.10 |
| Extreme/Average | 85 | 23 | 60 | 58 | 2 | 0.70 | -0.84 | 1 | 9.63 |
| State | 86 | 23 | 59 | 56 | 3 | 0.53 | -0.92 | 1 | 6.12 |

DFN = Departure from Normal.